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THE TWO EXPLORERS ✓

Tom Cat and Jerry Mouse set out on a trip of exploration in their balloon. They ascend as crowds cheer and wish them "Bon Voyage". The adventurers soon reach the three mile limit and stop at a cloud to imbibe some bootleg brew. Shortly after, they continue their flight and suddenly sail into a terrific storm. The lightning flashes zig-zag around Tom and Jerry and keep them artfully dodging. But they pass through the storm and find themselves over Eskimoland. Below them they see typical scenes of the Artic life. Walruses dance to the strains of music ground out by an Eskimo's talking machine. An Eskimo hunter spears one of the waltzing walruses and has a lively time trying to catch his victim. After a thrilling chase the walrus evades his pursuer. With such excitement going on, the two explorers decide to descend, and drop anchor. Alas, their anchor catches in an igloo and pulls it away from its moorings. The occupants of the igloo immediately shoot a shower of arrows at the balloon and during the fray the bottom drops out of the basket. Tom and Jeffy fall earthward with great rapidity and crash through the roof of an Eskimo dwelling. They fall upon a sledge and Jerry Mouse pulls his partner, Tom, away from the enraged natives. They see a penguin, who cleverly appears to be a nice sleek seal, meditating upon an iceberg. Tom hurls his harpoon and it hits the mark. But the "seal" turns out to be a giant Eskimo, who immediately gives chase to the intruding explorers. As the giant approaches the frightened pair, Jerry catches hold of Tom's tail to make his escape, but the feline pushes him off and says, "Every Man for himself". Tom leaps into the balloon and ascends out of sight. He soon arrives back home where he is acclaimed by the populace, when he holds a pole aloft and says, "Gentlemen, I have discovered the North Pole," All the while Jerry Mouse has been active and he drifts home in an iceberg. He docks the ice cake and leads out a large polar bear and a troop of young ones. He leads his captives to the aviation field where Tom is spellbinding the crowd. When the onlookers see what Jerry has done and how Tom has lied, they chase him away. And Jerry triumphs without the aid of his false friend, Tom.

Moral: Trouble and adversity are the time tests of friendship.

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